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1. During the night of 15 April 1953, the new unit stationed in section No 8 of the Weisse Stadt Settlement in Oranienburg started entraining. Only a rear detail of 12 soldiers was left behind under the command of Major Mashutin (fnu). A civilian engineer stated that the troops will return on 16 or 17 May. Sections Nos 5 and 7 of the restricted area were reconditioned. Only the four northern wings of Section No 5, earmarked for officers' billets, were reconditioned. The reconditioning of Sections Nos 6 and 9 through 13 will start immediately after the completion of the aforementioned sections in late August 1953.¹

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2. On 16 April, a train with 25 trucks, 1 field kitchen, 30 T-44 tanks of the 2xx soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia stood at the Biederitz railroad station, headed toward Magdeburg.²
3. On 27 April, the barracks installations in Brandenburg were occupied as follows: The Flak Kaserne by a rear unit of 50 to 60 men, the Infanterie Kaserne by a rear unit, and the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity.³
4. The following trains were observed at the Ludwigslust railroad station:

At 9 p.m. on 2 April: unloading of 18 JS-3 tanks

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At 9:30 a.m. on 13 April: a train carrying 12 telephone and radio trucks and soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets passed through the station toward Schwerin.

At 12:45 p.m. on 14 April: unloading of 9 JS-3 tanks and 7 JSU-122 tanks

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At 10:15 a.m. on 15 April: unloading of 9 T-43 tanks

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At 12 p.m. on 16 April: a train of 10 trucks, 6 radio or telephone trucks, 2 BA-64 armored scout cars and 7 sidecar motorcycles with the

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At 7:30 a.m. on 17 April: loading of an artillery unit with 15 x 122-mm howitzers. 4

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1. Comment. Several sources previously reported the departure of the unidentified headquarters on 16 April. See [REDACTED]. The numbered settlement sections are keyed to a sketch forwarded previously.

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2. Comment. Presumably, a shipment of the 7th Gds Tank Div from Dessau-Rosslau to Letzling Heath.

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3. Comment. The information confirms a previous report of 24 April 1953 by another source. See [REDACTED]

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4. Comment. It is doubted that, after 12 April which is the beginning of the transfer to Wittstock of the 18th Mecz Div, tanks should have been unloaded in Ludwigslust while, on 15 April, elements of the 119th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the division were probably unloaded in Dranse. See [REDACTED]

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It is possible that the tanks mentioned in the present report were entrained. The 1054th How Arty Regt which is also carried in Ludwigslust was partly unloaded at Wittstock on 14 and 15 April, as was reported by other sources. [REDACTED] The train that passed through the station on 16 April possibly carried units of the division from Parchim. The units also went to Wittstock.

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